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THREE MEN KILLED, FOURTH MAY SUCCUMB

Charley Luquire Fires Fatal Shots Into Bo- dies of Three Men.

**Kills Milton Townsend and Pomp
Davis and Wounds Tom McCombs,
Before Taking His Own Life.—
McCombs Will Probably Die.**

Greenwood, Oct. 8.—Using three bullets from a 32 calibre pistol, Charley Luquire, a chain gang guard, last night killed three men, including himself, and with two shots probably fatally wounded a fourth. The tragedy occurred at the county farm about four miles east of town.

The dead are: Milton Townsend, manager of the county farm and alms house, Pomp Davis, his father-in-law, and Charley Luquire, the guard who killed these two and then was made but the plaintiff was arrested legally. Tom McCombs, captain of the county gangs and a brother of the Supervisor J. B. McCombs, was shot twice through the right lung and although still alive this evening, his condition is regarded as highly precarious and his chances of recovery are very slight.

Charley Luquire, the guard who ran amuck, came to town yesterday to attend the circus. He was told by McCombs to be back at the farm by 5 o'clock. Luquire began drinking when he reached town and was in an ugly mood all the afternoon. He started a row in a pool room and was twice pulled out his pistol and threatened to "shoot up" some body.

He did not leave town until late, reaching the farm a little after 7 o'clock. Tom McCombs was sitting in a buggy in front of the residence occupied by Manager Townsend. He was expecting to come to town himself and was waiting for Luquire to return. He says he remarked to Luquire that he was late and was about to keep the others from going to the night performance of the show. Without a word in reply but with an oath Luquire pulled his pistol and fired twice at McCombs, both shots taking effect in the right lung. As McCombs crumpled up on the buggy seat, Mr. Davis, who lives with Townsend, his son-in-law, and who was standing near, remarked, "Why Charley, you have killed Mr. Tom." Without a word Luquire fired at him, one shot piercing him in the abdomen. Just as he fell, Townsend, who was eating supper, rushed out of the house and started down the front path, calling out to know what was the matter. Luquire fired once at him 30 yards away. He too fell with a wound through his body.

Luquire then walked into the house where Mrs. Townsend and children were, went into the room he occupied, remained about a minute and walked back down the front path. McCombs saw him returning and is said to have said to him, "Well, Charley, you have killed three of us." Answering that what he started out to do, Luquire placed the pistol against his own temple and fired and with that fifth bullet ended his own life.

McCombs is a brother of Supervisor Jim McCombs. He has a wife and two small children. Townsend leaves a wife and three small children. His father-in-law, Mr. Davis, had been living with him for the past few years. His wife is dead.

Luquire, who did the shooting, leaves a wife and two children. All are natives of this county. Luquire was reared at Callison. Townsend and Davis are from the Cokesbury section of the county and McCombs has lived near town most of his life.

It is believed that Luquire had a grudge against McCombs, fearing that he was about to lose his job. It was reported that Luquire had been very active in behalf of another candidate for supervisor against McCombs' brother and as McCombs was elected Luquire thought he might lose his job. He was regarded as dangerous when drunk and having become crazed with whiskey yesterday he went wild and in the last hours of the day placed on the county the greatest tragedy in its history for which one man can be held accountable.

COURT OF COMMON PLEAS.

In the case of Rampey vs. Attaway, the jury returned a verdict for the defendant. The case of Hunter vs. Johnson was non-suited.

The court of common pleas convened Monday morning, with Judge I. W. Bowman presiding. The docket was sounded and after a number of cases had been discontinued and transferred, only seven cases remained for trial. Of these only three have been tried as we go to press.

In the case of Perryman vs. C. & W. C. Railway, an action for killing a horse on the track, the jury found for the defendant. The case had been tried once before resulting in a like verdict, but the Supreme Court awarded Mr. Perryman another trial. J. M. Nickles represented Perryman and Wm. P. Greene, the defendant.

In the case of Hon. J. Will Rampey vs. the policeman at Calhoun Falls, the jury had not agreed at the time court adjourned. Sam Adams represented the plaintiff and asked for \$2,000 damages for an assault and battery. Mr. D. H. Hill represented the Attaway and claimed that no assault was made but the plaintiff was arrested legally.

Tuesday afternoon the court was engaged with the trial of the case of John Hunter vs. Joseph L. Johnson, Chief of Police, which action is for the recovery of a Smith and Wesson pistol, with which Hunter "guarded" his house and property against robbers in the silent watches of the night, as they slept. The plaintiff was represented by Sam Adams, Esq., and the defendant by D. H. Hill and Wm. P. Greene.

The eleven cases against Calhoun Mills in which it was alleged that the plaintiffs had been improperly dismissed by the mill for belonging to a labor union, were all dismissed by the court for the reason that plaintiffs' counsel had failed to amend complaints in accordance with an order of the court. Mr. Wm. N. Graydon represented the mill and made the motion to have the cases dismissed.

MEETING OF PRESBYTERY.

The Second Presbytery of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church will be held in Abbeville, commencing November 11th, and continuing through the Sabbath following. The ministers of this Presbytery who will attend the meeting are:

W. H. Stevenson, Spartanburg, S. C., care Y. M. C. A.
J. M. White, Prosperity, S. C.
H. F. Pressly, Clinton, S. C.
R. F. Bradley, Troy, S. C.
M. T. Ellis, Doraville, Ga.
N. E. Smith, Bartow, Fla.
E. B. Kenedy, Due West, S. C.
G. G. Parkinson, Due West, S. C.
F. Y. Pressly, Due West, S. C.
J. S. Mills, Blackstock, S. C.
J. B. Muse, Due West, S. C.
W. O. F. Snipes, Plant City, Fla.
W. H. Miller, Newman, Ga.
J. W. Carson, Newberry, S. C.
J. P. Pressly, Due West, S. C.
O. W. Carmichael, Tampa, Fla., 1726 Franklin.

W. C. Kerr, Wrens, Ga.
S. J. Hood, Iva, S. C.
W. A. McAulay, Greenville, S. C.
P. A. Pressly, Louisville, Ga.
L. T. Pressly, Woodruff, S. C.
R. T. Kerr, Bradley, S. C.
I. N. Kennedy, Ora, S. C.
J. M. Garrison, Anderson, S. C.
C. B. Betts, Troy, S. C.
H. B. Blakely, Willington, S. C.
W. A. Kennedy, Porterdale, Ga.
S. W. Reid, 9 Whitehall Terrace, Atlanta, Ga.
C. B. Williams, Ybor City, Tampa, Fla.

John T. Young, Greenwood, S. C.
C. S. Young, Due West.

In addition to these ministers, a good number of elders from the different churches will attend, so that there will be a considerable gathering of the psalm-singers at Abbeville at the meeting.

The Second Presbytery as shown by the addresses of the ministers, includes Western South Carolina, and portions of Georgia and Florida. The members of the church in Abbeville are looking forward with pleasure to the coming of the delegates.

THE COTTON MARKET.

Cotton sold yesterday on this market at 17 1-4 cents.
Cotton seed at 83 cents bushel.

DR. G. A. NEUFFER ELECTED OVER SAM ADAMS TO HOUSE

N. C. TROOPS SPEND AN HOUR IN ABBEVILLE

The coming of a battalion of North Carolina troops to Abbeville last week was a pleasant break in the routine life of our little town. The men were making the trip to the border over the Seaboard and stopped here for an hour and a half for work on the engine. The soldiers marched up town from the Shops and were swarming on the square before anyone knew they were in town. Business stopped for the time of their stay and the boys were greeted by many interested well wishers, and received many heart cheers. During their stay they were formed in line and went through setting up exercises on the square and were marched up to the Graded school building where the children were turned out to greet them, singing patriotic songs and enjoying the sight of a real soldier. On their return the High school girls and boys were in line in front of Barksdale's where the soldiers stopped and went through drill maneuvers and two of the "irrepressible" treated the crowd to an exhibition of genuine old fashioned dancing, which has been much in vogue since among the young boys around town.

The North Carolina boys were fine looking young men and it was a pleasure to have them stop in our town. The battalion was in command of Major W. H. Phillips who was known to some of our people, having graduated from Erskine college some years ago. He says that he knows all about the singing of the Psalms and how to keep the Sabbath holy, which he finds a pretty difficult proposition while in the army. His boyhood friends will be glad to know that he looks every inch a major and is enjoying his military service.

IN THE OPEN AIR.

Evening service at the Presbyterian church were held in the open air last Sunday, the weather being warm enough to permit it. The scene was a cheerful one and a good crowd was in attendance. This will become a regular feature, the congregation having been much pleased with the open air service.

A CHANGE IN DATE.

A change in the date of Dr. Wauchope's lecture has been made and he will come to Abbeville on Friday, the thirteenth, instead of Thursday, the twelfth.

SALESDAY DINNERS

The ladies society of the Associate Reformed Church will serve dinners on Salesday in November and December. These dinners are always excellent and deserve a good patronage. A turkey dinner with oysters will be the Menu.

Abbeville Lands Branch of Big 10-Cent Store Syndicate

The coming of a genuine five and ten cents store to Abbeville will be welcome news to the many people who like to trade at such stores and the thousands of little boys and girls who buy candy.

The Wm. H. Cobb Co., a 5 and 10c Syndicate of Philadelphia, have closed a deal through the Abbeville Real Estate and Investment Co., with the Hill Brothers, for a lease of their store room on Main street, for a term of years and will open up for business as soon as need repairs and improvements on the store room can be made.

Such improvement will mean the putting in of three handsome plate glass windows with a vestibule to be laid in mosaic tile. These improvements will run into several thousand dollars and will add much to the value of the property and to the appearance of the street.

The Cobb Company looked over several towns in the State as a location for their new business but was more pleased with the business advantages of Abbeville than any other

town. Abbeville's third primary passed off quietly yesterday, only about two-thirds of the voters of the county showing enough interest in the election to cast their ballots. The result, however, is a decisive victory for Dr. G. A. Neuffer, who lead his opponent, Sam Adams, by 38 votes, according to returns received over telephone last night, all boxes reporting.

The vote by boxes follows:

	Neuffer.	Adams.
Means Chapel	18	7
Abbeville No 1	146	14
Abbeville No 2	159	97
Cotton Mill	21	98
Central	17	60
Calhoun Falls	56	58
Antreville	57	57
Due West	78	33
Donald	75	51
Hampton	10	20
Cold Springs	21	23
Hillville	15	22
Lebanon	49	24
Level Land	14	22
Lowndesville	83	104
Keowee	11	50
Mt. View	11	31
Rock Spring	14	36
Totals	845	807

AT CHURCH SUNDAY NIGHT

Aside from the fine pipe organ and the very excellent sermon preached by the pastor, the services at the Seaboard church were enlivened last Sunday night by the attendance of Mayor Gambrell's pet cat. The cat does not get its church going habits from the Mayor.

A COMING MARRIAGE.

Mr. J. Allen Smith, Sr., has issued invitations to the marriage of his daughter, Miss Ione Smith and Mr. David H. Hill on Oct. 28th. The marriage is to be at half past six o'clock in the evening and is to be at home.

Miss Smith is deservedly one of the most popular young women who has ever lived in Abbeville. By her cordial manner and bright and attractive ways she has endeared herself to every one and all unite in wishing her a long and happy life. For a number of years she has taught in the Abbeville schools and among all the people who love her and wish her well are a host of adoring young folks who have finished the sixth grade.

Mr. Hill is a young attorney of the Abbeville bar, and is a young man noted for his good business qualities and for fair and upright dealings. He is receiving the congratulations of his many friends on his happiness.

MR. WALTER SCOTT ATTACKED BY NEGRO

Yesterday afternoon, Mr. Walter Scott went down to his farm on the Mt. Carmel road. As he was returning about dusk he overtook a negro just this side of the Sherard place, who asked to be allowed to ride. The request was granted. Mr. Scott noticed that the negro kept looking back through the top of the buggy in which they were riding, but he attached no importance to it. The negro must have struck him suddenly and severely because without warning he was knocked unconscious. He regained consciousness some miles up the road, finding himself in the foot of his buggy, with his pocketbook, containing about \$75 gone, and a large gash cut in his forehead. He made his way to the home of Will John Evans, where Dr. Neuffer was called by telephone, and he soon arrived and dressed his wound.

As we go to press at 9 o'clock great crowds of people are going to the scene of the attack, and if the guilty party is caught, trouble will likely result.

JOHN W. MCCALLA SHOOTS NEGRO

Mr. John W. McCalla, of Lowndesville, yesterday surrendered to Sheriff Burts to answer the charge of murder on account of the killing of a negro named Arch DuBose on Monday. Mr. McCalla at the time of the shooting was acting as constable for Magistrate Huckabee along with Mr. Nance and Jas. T. Latimer. They went to the home of William Lomax and his wife to arrest them for a misdemeanor. Mr. McCalla made known the purpose of their visit, when DuBose, who was sitting in the door, advanced on Mr. McCalla, attempting to draw a pistol, which Mr. McCalla saw. He shot to prevent the negro from shooting him.

Application for bail was made late yesterday afternoon before Judge Bowman, who is holding court in Abbeville this week, and Mr. McCalla was admitted bail, which was promptly given.

JUDGE WILSON SICK.

The friends of Judge John S. Wilson, of Manning, who is holding the courts in the tenth circuit, will be grieved to know that he is seriously sick at Anderson. Some weeks ago he held court there, and at that time was taken ill. He recovered however, and went on with his work. Last Monday he returned to Anderson to hold a session of the Court of Common Pleas. He was attacked with a fainting spell on last Wednesday while on the bench, and was forced to adjourn court, since which time he has been confined to his room. Judge Wilson underwent a serious operation soon after he was elected to the bench but seemingly recovered from it.

SANTUC SCHOOL BUILDING.

Mr. Moss, of the Santuc neighborhood, was in the city Tuesday morning with a load of cotton. He reports that the Santuc school building will be completed in a day or so. This school is located about 7 miles above Abbeville on the Due West road, and will open next Monday morning, Oct. 16th. It will be taught by Miss Marie Scott, of Greenwood, S. C.

SOMETHING TO LOOK FORWARD TO.

Dr. George A. Wauchope will come to Abbeville on Friday afternoon and will lecture before the Civic Club at 4 o'clock at the home of Mrs. W. P. Greene. His lecture will be on the times of Shakespeare and will be an intellectual treat. This will be open day for the club and the public is cordially invited to attend this lecture.

Dr. Wauchope has also kindly consented to lecture to the public generally at night in the Court House at which time his subject will be the "Great Pictures of the World." This lecture will be free to all and it is earnestly hoped that a representative crowd will attend. Dr. Wauchope will illustrate his lecture with views of the pictures which will add to the interest of what he has to say.

EXPECT RECORD ATTENDANCE FOR ABBEVILLE FAIR

President of Association Very Optimistic.

Secretary Williamson Touring The County Advertising Fair—Executive and Advertising Committees Active.

C. C. Gambrell, president of the Abbeville County Fair association, in conversation with a representative of The Press and Banner yesterday, stated: "From all reports which I have so far received, I am convinced that the seventh annual fair, to be held in Abbeville November 1, 2, and 3, will be a success in every way. Hardly a day passes but that I receive encouraging reports from many parts of the county, and taking all into consideration, I am thoroughly satisfied that the event will materialize into the greatest success the county has ever experienced. One important factor which convinces me that this year's fair will be the best in the history of the association, is the enthusiastic manner in which the various officers and committees of the association have gone about their work. I wish to urge all the people who are interested in the progress of Abbeville county to join in the undertaking and make it truly a fair to be remembered."

President Gambrell is indeed gratified at the splendid manner in which the people have responded to the cause, and well he should be, for we will, from present indications, witness one of the best county fairs to be found anywhere.

Publicity Committee Active.

The publicity committee appointed to look after the advertising, premium list, printing, and publicity of the enterprise, is doing fine work for the fair. A handsome booklet containing the advertisements of about thirty of Abbeville's most progressive business houses, is about complete and will be delivered within the next ten days. The booklet contains complete program for the three days, rules and regulations governing exhibits, entries, and races, together with an extraordinary long list of handsome cash prizes.

The publicity committee has made several tours of different sections of the county during the past week distributing advertising matter, and according to Secretary Williamson, who is chairman of this committee, there will be hundreds of exhibitors here this year who have never before shown interest in the fair. The committee is also waging a very successful advertising campaign in Anderson and McCormick counties, where much interest is being shown in Abbeville's fair.

Lever to Make Address.

Congressman A. F. Lever has accepted an invitation extended by Secretary Williamson to address the farmers on Wednesday, the opening day, and the day set aside for the farmers. This able speaker is a decided favorite of the farmers and his address will attract thousands of people from surrounding counties on farmers day.

Midway a Feature.

There will be many free attractions on the midway this year. There will be various amusements for everybody, old and young. Gorgeous parades, enchanting music and other picturesque achievements to fascinate those who are as yet in the springtime of youth; a most creditable showing of live stock, poultry, farm and garden products, household and miscellaneous exhibits, together with the spirit of comradeship and the occasion of hundreds of old time friends reunited will serve to fill with delight and perfect contentment the hearts of those who have reached the golden autumn of old age.

MR. MCCOMBS IMPROVING

News from the Greenwood Hospital this afternoon is that Mr. Tom McCombs has shown decided improvement since yesterday. His chances for recovery are considered bright.—Greenwood Journal.